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Poor family in city to get house, thanks to CM's tweet

Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep is seen speaking to the distressed family members at his office yesterday. Picture right shows the house-cum-petty shop where the family lives in abject poverty at Bharatnagar on the Mahadevapura Road near KSRTC Depot.

Mysuru, Aug. 23 (RK&BCT)- Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, through his twitter handle 'CM of Karnataka' (@CMofkarnataka) has come to the rescue of a family who is living in abject poverty in Mysuru and has directed Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep to look into the issue and provide shelter to the family that is living in a pathetic condition.

Some residents of Bharatnagar beyond Udayagiri had tweeted to the CM's official twitter handle about the plight of the family that is living in a small shed on the Mahadevapura Road near KSRTC depot. Responding to the Chief Minister's tweet on Aug. 21, DC Randeep visited the family yesterday and is now looking into the possibilities of providing shelter under government schemes.

The irony here is that the family has voter ID cards. They even have Aadhaar cards for them to avail of government facilities.

(See HOUSE on page 8)

Heavy rush at city markets for Gowri, Ganesha

City's Join to Help Charitable Trust launched free distribution of 1,024 eco-friendly Ganesha idols embedded with seed-balls at a programme called "Mruthyunjaya Ganapa" at Jayamarthanda Gate of Mysore Palace this morning. *[See report on page-8]*

Mysuru, Aug. 23 (SP&VNS)- It is the *Bhadrapada* month of the Hindu calendar for which the Hindus across the world eagerly wait. This is the time when people welcome Goddess Gowri and her son Lord Ganesha to their houses. While Gowri festival is celebrated on the third day of *Bhadrapada* month (*Thrithiya*) which falls on Aug. 24 (tomorrow), the Ganesh Festival is celebrated on Aug. 25 (*Charthurthi*), the next day.

Majority of the devotees bring the idols of both Gowri and Ganesha to their houses at an auspicious time in the evening. On the arrival of the idols, the women of the house perform *aarthi* and offer *kumkum* and flowers as a welcome ritual.

With the Gowri festival scheduled for the tomorrow, the city markets witnessed heavy rush. People were seen purchasing flowers, vegetables, *puja* and other materials at Devaraja Market, Vani Vilas Market, Mandi Market and at M.G. Road Market. While the men were busy purchasing flowers, vegetables and puja materials, women were seen buying bangles and other *bagina* items for the Gowri puja.

(See MARKETS on page 8)

Malegaon blast case

Lt. Col. Purohit out on bail after nine years

Lt. Col. Purohit

Mumbai, Aug. 23- Lt. Colonel Shrikant Purohit walked out of jail this morning after nine years behind bars as an accused in the Malegaon blast case.

He will join the Army unit in Pune where he was posted before his arrest in 2008.

Purohit left prison two days after the Supreme Court gave him bail. He was suspended after his arrest in 2008, but his lawyer said the suspension was revoked after a court of inquiry.

Two bombs planted on a motorcycle exploded in on September 29, 2008, killing seven people and injuring over a 100 in Malegaon. Lt Col Purohit was among those arrested.

He is accused of floating Abhinav Bharat, a right-wing group that allegedly planned and executed the blasts, and also of collecting huge funds and using them to procure arms and explosives and organising meetings where the attack was planned.

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Mysuru, Wednesday 23rd August 2017

All fat, no muscle

In the wake of announcing the outcome of polls to the country's various Legislative bodies, it is customary for the losing parties to vent their voice to inform the citizens about the malpractices of the winning parties, highlighting the play of money power and muscle power in garnering the votes needed for victory at the hustings. The Election Commission's *silent roar* as it were in response to complaints against the victorious individuals dubiously glorified as people's representatives ends in a *loud whimper* in public domain only helping the print media to fill their columns with narratives that people read as time pass and the chatterati for chattering until the cows come home. Even the unlettered sections in society are aware of the *fat volume* of money splurged by contestants in the polls, win or lose. The point that it is only the people who provide the *muscle* power to ensure win for their heroes. That is what *democracy* is all about.

An American clergyman and writer James Freeman Clarke (1810-1888) is quoted saying "A politician thinks of the next election. A statesman, of the next generation." A wit has qualified the quote to say that the land's politicians also think of the next generation, only to build an enduring foundation for prosperity of the next generation of their kith and kin.

Both the government at the Centre and its counterparts in the States across the country, including the incumbent Government of Karnataka are having a torrid time facing charges of maladministration. It is once again muscle power of sorts on play in the road shows by masses led by leaders of the parties that didn't cross the bar in successive elections. Unfazed by the unrelenting demand for showing the exit door to the respective governments midway through their five-year term, the *elected* representatives of people in their seat of power and authority are making hay while the sun shines, as the proverb says, adding fat to their personal wealth built with tainted money. Hiking their monthly salaries and sitting fees during Legislature Sessions at will is only additional fat, financially speaking.

In the august company of the political class who take turns in successive five-year terms to carry on their lucrative business of administration is the nation's army of bureaucrats — nearly 50 lakh in the Central government and God-knows-how-many in the 36 States and Union Territories, pampered every 10 years once by the Pay Commission's freebies, their numerical strength being the government's muscle power, not to forget disease of *muscular dystroply* (weakness) when it comes to their only duty of implementing the land's laws.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

When asked to describe my life, I often reply, "It is organised chaos." I have lived a fruitful life as a cardiac surgeon. Nothing equals the thrill of saving a life by performing a necessary cardiac operation. At the end of the day, it is tremendously rewarding when you can explain to your wife and children how you saved a life. I know that I am a better surgeon because I am a father, and I am similarly a much better father because I am a surgeon. I made the decision to become a physician when I was nine years old. My sister underwent an emergency caesarean section and I was so impressed with the surgeon and the others who cared for my sister. I then decided that I wanted to be a surgeon. That a human being can be connected to a heart-lung machine, have his or her circulatory and respiratory functions totally performed by a machine for up to three or four hours, have a major cardiac condition corrected, and emerge from anaesthesia physiologically intact is astonishing and fascinating. This fascination remains with me to this day, some 32 years later. *— Dr. N. Prabhudev in The New Indian Express.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Gravity-defying coin structures

Tokyo: Stacking coins in a simple tower can get pretty challenging, but that's child's play compared to what this Japanese artist can create out of thousands of carefully placed coins.

Twitter user @thumb_tani has been delighting his fans with an array of physics-defying coin structures ever since he discovered the hobby by mistake. His works have been featured on hundreds of Japanese sites & blogs, he even made headlines in International media, after some of his photos went viral, last year. From tall stacks of coins with the curved bottom of a spoon as the base, to columns made from intertwining rows of coins etc. His increasingly intricate design have prompted some people to suggest that he muse be using glue to keep his creations together. But he shut them all down by posting a video of him building one of his incredible structures. Tanu says that stacking hundreds of coins in such precarious positions requires extreme concentration and self-control.

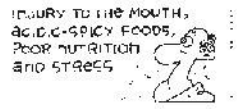
Father's concern!

London: Kids, and teens in particular, are apparently really good at ignoring their parents' messages, which is why one London Father created *ReplyASAP* — a messaging app that takes over the home screen and sounds an alarm that can't be turned off until a message is answered.

45-year-old Nick Herbert, from London, UK, came up with the idea for *ReplyASAP* after realising that simply giving his son a mobile phone didn't make getting in touch with him easier. He wasn't answering his messages as fast as Nick had expected, and often kept his phone on silent. It was driving the father crazy, so he set out to create a messaging app that would make reaching kids easier for parents. It took eight months and a considerable investment to complete the project. This app currently works only on Android, and his 13-year-old son uses an iPhone. But that's only a temporary setback, as the coding-adept father wants to make *ReplyASAP* available on the Apple Store as soon as possible.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What's the best way to treat canker sores?



One way to treat canker sores is to not treat them at all. They will go away on their own within about a week. Salt water is an effective treatment. Mix 1 TSP salt in a cup of warm water, swish in your mouth and spit out several times per day.

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CERCLAGE TO MANAGE CERVICAL INCOMPETENCE

Gouri (name changed), 34 years old, married for 8 years had eight pregnancy losses. Out of the eight pregnancy losses, four losses were in the first part of pregnancy and four losses were between fourth – seventh months of pregnancy. Looking at her previous history, where she had had pregnancy losses between 3 – 7 months, a decision was taken to do a trans-abdominal cervical cerclage – a stitch placed at the level of internal os or around the cervix through the abdominal route. She conceived again and this was her 9th pregnancy. The abdominal cerclage was still in place. The patient was started on Low Molecular Weight Heparin (LMWH) right from the time that the pregnancy was confirmed to be situated inside the uterus. She was also found to be mild diabetic. At 32 weeks a Doppler showed a falling resistance in middle cerebral artery with uncontrolled hypertension. The patient was taken for Elective LSCS and delivered a male baby weighing 1.65 kgs.

Dr. Devika Gunasheela

Cervical incompetence is a medical condition in which the neck of the womb (cervix) in a pregnant woman begins to open and thin out much before the date that the baby is due to be born. Cervical incompetence may cause miscarriage or preterm birth during the second and third parts of the pregnancy. Cervical incompetence occurs because of weakness of the cervix.

Risk Factors: History of previous pregnancies ending in abortions in the second & early third trimester (i.e., between 13 – 30 weeks of pregnancy), any operations on the neck of the womb and repeated abortions where the pregnancy has taken out surgically.

Treatment: Once the problem of incompetence is diagnosed, the condition may be treatable through a surgical procedure called cerclage (stitching the cervix closed). One or more stitches are placed around or through the cervix to keep it tightly closed. This is usually performed after the twelfth week of pregnancy, the time after which a woman is least likely to miscarry for other reasons - but it is not done if there is rupture of the membranes or infection. Contact: Gunasheela Reproductive Centre, Kuvempunagar, Mysore. Contact: 0821 – 2343585 / 0821 – 2343385. Bangalore Centre: 080-41312600 / 080-26673585.

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VOICE OF THE READER

Excellent service at Post Office Passport Seva Kendra

Sir,

It is with immense pleasure and satisfaction I am sharing with you my experience at the Post Office Passport Seva Kendra (POPSK), Mysuru on 16th August 2017 regarding the services offered to us vide online applications of me and my wife, both dated 13th August 2017 for passports.

We got the appointments on 16th August, that is within 3 days of our applications. All the process of verification of documents of both of us were completed by the Officers/ Staff of POPSK at the four counters within 15 minutes.

The entire process of verification was well streamlined, systematic, meticulous and prompt. The Officers and Staff were very courteous, polite, dedicated and sincere. Not even a single minute was wasted in POPSK.

Our sincere thanks to POPSK, Mysuru and wishing it Good Luck to grow and develop further and continue to serve the people to their utmost satisfaction.

— P. Naraharikrishna
Srirampura 2nd Stage
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Water Doctor bats for traditional

"Ingu Gundi" to increase groundwater level

Water Doctor Ayyappa Masagi addressing at Senate Bhavan.

Mysuru, Aug. 23 (YDS&BCT)- Rainwater harvesting and letting out shower water from the bathrooms through "Ingu Gundi" are the only ways to increase groundwater levels, said Ayyappa M. Masagi who is popularly referred to as "Water Doctor".

He was speaking at a seminar on 'Water Crisis and Management' at Senate Bhavan here on Aug. 21 that was jointly organised by National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO), in association with School of Planning and Architecture and Indian Institute of Architects.

Masagi, a Jamnalal Bajaj Awardee, told Mysureans that India, especially Karnataka was staring at a huge water crisis and if the value of conserving nature, groundwater and natural water streams is not realised now, it will be too late.

"We have to blame ourselves for the present water shortage as there is nobody to listen to the problem. People take things for granted and this will prove detrimental to humanity one day," Masagi opined.

"The traditional concept of "Ingu Gundi" where household water (not sewage) is collected in small pits next to the houses can work wonders in recharging groundwater that is fast depleting," he said. Explaining the "Ingu Gundi" concept, Masagi said earth was the biggest filter that can store water underground after cleansing it. "Earlier – even now in villages – shower water is let out to such "Ingu Gundi" and as a result, the groundwater table is high. Now-a-days, shower water is let out to drains and eventually it becomes sewage," he added.

Through simple pit-based rainwater harvesting system where the structure is made of boulders, gravel, sand, and mud, water can effectively be channelised to the ground. When it rains, water trickles through gravel and sand and it slowly charges the subsoil. This also prevents water from evaporating, he said.

Masagi said recharging borewells and practising non-irrigational agriculture methods were the answers to water problems farmers faced. "Concepts like tree-based farming, earthen dams, and afforestation can recharge groundwater. Rain is caused by sun, sea and trees," he explained.

School of Planning and Architecture Director H.N. Nagendra presented a power-point demo on 'Swacha Kaveri', a project initiated by NAREDCO to clean and conserve River Cauvery. Acting VC of Mysore University Prof. Dayanand Mane, Indian Institute of Architects President Chandrashekar, NAREDCO Mysuru convener N. Divyesh, NAREDCO Karnataka President Manoj Lodha and D. Srihari of GSS Foundation were present.

Suchetana Swaroop is new CIC

Bengaluru, Aug. 23- Suchetana Swaroop *(in pic)* was appointed as the Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) by the State Government on Monday. The post had remained vacant since November 2016. Swaroop, who is already working as the Information Commissioner, has been elevated to the new post. He hails from K.R. Nagar in Mysuru. A decision to elevate Swaroop was taken during a meeting chaired by CM Siddharamaiah.

The CIC, whose tenure is five years, receives salary on par with High Court Judges.

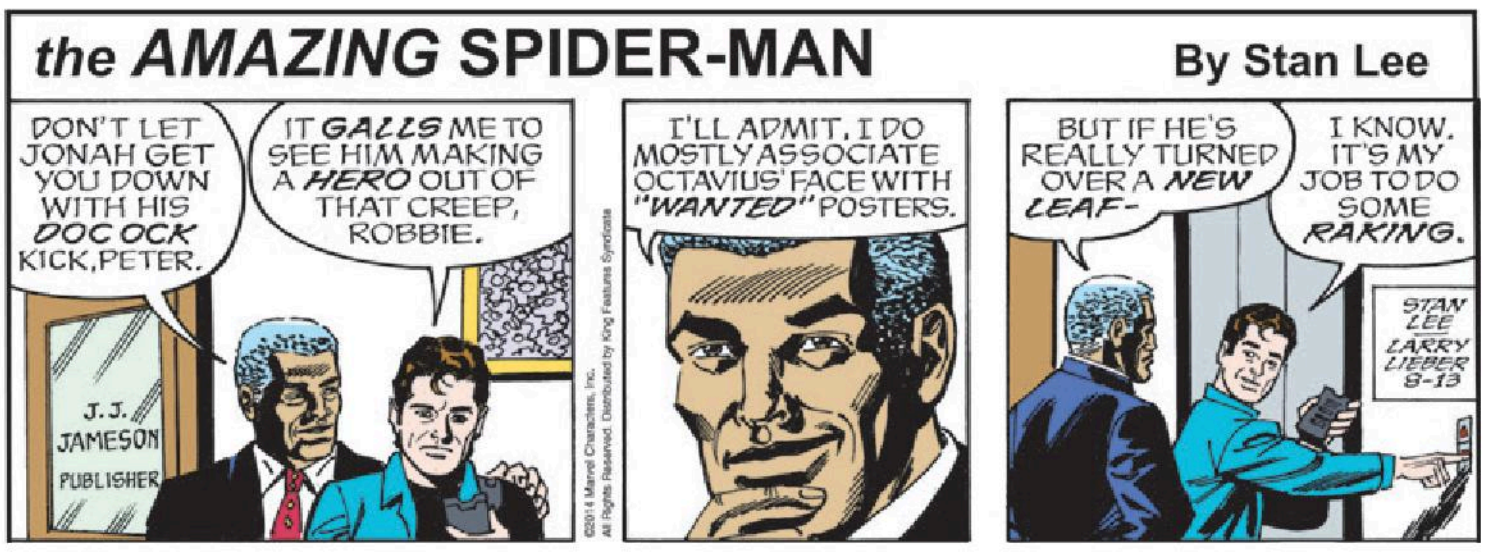
The post was previously held by IAS Officer D.N. Narasimha Raju, who had resigned after a six-month stint.

Training for Journalism post-graduates

Mysuru, Aug. 23 (US)- Karnataka Media Academy has invited applications from post-graduates in Journalism from any recognised Universities in State to award a scholarship of Rs. 10,000 per month for 10 months to undergo training in print and electronic media. The training will be provided to 10 candidates (5 from SC/ST and 5 from general category).The eligible candidates should be below 28 years and should have scored highest marks in PG course. They should apply with resume, copies of marks card, photo and caste certificate before Aug. 31. Applications can be e-mailed to: *traineekma@gmail.com*. Candidates will be selected through interview based on merit.

Spine Clinic at Columbia Asia

Mysuru, Aug. 23- Columbia Asia Hospital, Mysuru, is conducting a Spine Clinic between Aug. 21 and Aug. 26 from 2 pm to 5 pm at the hospital. The clinic includes free consultation with neurosurgeon with special discounts on MRI; lab and radiology investigation and discectomy package available, if advised. Those interested may register on Ph: 3989896 or 3322333 or WhatsApp on 9620389896.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NEWS BRIEFS

Bagina to Pourakarmikas

As part of Gowri and Ganesha festival, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) will be giving 'Bagina' to Pourakarmikas at the premises of Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashale, Dakishneshwara Road, Ramakrishnanagar, on Aug. 24 at 7.30 am. M. Venkataramji of RSS, Lokayukta SP J.K. Rashmi, MDJA President C.K. Mahendra will be present. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2529133 or Mob: 90353-99867 or 94498-41016.

Founder's Day celebrations

Youth Hostels Association of India (YHAI), Gangothri Unit, will be celebrating Founder's Day at Samudaya Bhavana, Saraswathipuram, Tengina Topu, on Aug. 26 at 2.30 pm. On the occasion, various competitions and cultural programmes have been organised for the members. Also, there will be a small skit, demo and presentation on tent-pitching, climbing gears, etc. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2341419, according to a press release from YHAI.

Annual Meeting

Parivarthana Multi-purpose Women Credit Cooperative Limited has convened its 8th Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) at Mysuru District Cooperative Union Limited, Chamaraja Double Road, on Aug. 29 at 10 am. Society President Hema Gangappa will preside. For details, contact Ph: 0821-4250303, according to a press release from the Society.

Ph.D awardees

The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Library and Information Science to B. Pramodini for her thesis 'Citation analysis of Doctoral theses submitted to the University of Agricultural Sciences, Gandhi Krishi Vignyan Kendra (GKVK), Bangalore' submitted under the guidance of Dr. C.P. Ramasesh.

D. Ramesh has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the UoM for his thesis 'Kannadadalli Tripadi Sahitya (Hosagannada sahityavannu horatupadisi)' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Akkamahadevi.

JSS University has awarded Ph.D in Faculty of Pharmacy to Jinesh B. Nagavi for his thesis 'Bioanalytical method development for simultaneous determination of drugs acting on cytochrome P450 enzyme: Drug interaction study' submitted under the guidance of Dr. B.M. Gurupadayya.

Five arrested for honey-trapping; woman, two others absconding

Nanjangud, Aug. 23 (Ravi, ACP&BCT)- Honey-trapping, where women are being used to trap men who are robbed later, has spread its tentacles in and around Mysuru. Gangs that are experts in such crimes target men and many a time, complaints are not lodged due to the fear of social shame and bad publicity.

One such gang of five members that was actively involved in honey-trapping has been arrested by the Nanjangud Police. Two cars, cheque books, ATM cards, mobile phones and some documents have been seized by the Police. Police said that the gang has three more members including a woman and they have spread a dragnet to arrest them.

According to Police sources, the preliminary tip-off regarding the gang was received by Nanjangud Circle Inspector Gopalakrishna. Following the tip-off, on Monday (Aug. 21) night, a Police team went to Mallanamoole Mutt on the outskirts of Nanjangud. Seeing the Police vehicle, a Hyundai i10 car (KA-09 ME-2402) sped away. But the Police team was successful in stopping another i20 car that did not sport a registration number.

After stopping the car, the Police questioned Madhusudhan, Chethan, Hemanth Kumar, Girish Kumar and Vinod, who were inside the vehicle. They were later taken to the Police Station and intense interrogation revealed that the gang was involved in honey-trapping. On searching the vehicle, the Police recovered lethal weapons, chili powder, cheque books, blank and signed cheque leaves, ATM cards and the keys of one more Maruti Ertiga car.

The *modus operandi* of the gang is that they made the woman, who is a part of the gang, stand in the Highway at night and stop vehicles (especially cars) and ask for a lift. The moment a vehicle stops, the woman opened the door and simultaneously the gang members would surround the vehicle. The occupants of the car are then robbed of cash and gold jewellery.

Further interrogation revealed that the other gang members, who had fled on seeing the Police vehicle, included the woman Mala alias Malashri, Raju and Jawara. This gang had honey-trapped a resident of Mysuru and asked him to come to Ramabainagar in Mysuru on Aug. 15. The gang had blackmailed the victim and had demanded Rs. 5 lakh from him and had taken away the keys of Maruti Ertiga car (KA-55 M-5376). Police said that the gang had victimised many gullible men and most of the time the victims have not lodged a complaint fearing bad publicity or fearing that their 'true colours' will be revealed to their family members. Even the person whose Ertiga car was snatched did not approach the Police fearing social shame.

Nanjangud Inspector Gopalakrishna, Sub-Inspector T.M. Puneeth and staff Krishna, Satish, Abdul Latheef, Devaraju, Prasanna Kumar, Srikanth, Siddaraju and Maheshan were part of the Police team.

Police searching for honey-trap victim

The Police are yet to trace the owner of the Maruti Ertiga car (KA-55 M-5376) that was taken away by the honey-trapping gang. They are now coordinating with the RTO to find out the owner of the car. The victim, a resident of Mysuru, was honey-trapped by the gang members and had asked him to come to Ramabainagar where they demanded Rs. 5 lakh. They later took away his car keys. Police said that the criminals had taken the victim to Gorur in Arakalagud of Hassan District in the Ertiga car and had taken him to a farmhouse owned by one Vinod.

The accused had assaulted the victim there with wickets and had demanded money.

The gang members then took away his chequebooks that bore account numbers 5072000100035307 (Karnataka Bank) and 85047346782 (Kaveri Grameena Bank) and ATM cards that belonged to Vijaya Bank and ICICI Bank.

Minors found married

Girl is five months pregnant, Cops book case under POCSO Act

Hunsur, Aug. 23 (Mahesh&KS)- An incident of a 16-year-old boy marrying a 15-year-old girl and the girl getting pregnant has come to light at Billenahosahalli hamlet, Hanagodu hobli coming under Neralakuppe Gram Panchayat limits recently.

It is learnt that the marriage between the minors were performed eight months ago and the incident came to light when the girl approached Anganwadi workers for 'Thayi Card,' which was being distributed for pregnant women by the Government.

The Anganwadi workers, suspecting her age, enquired about the wedding, during which the marriage between the minors came to light and they immediately informed the Women and Child Welfare Department officials, who in turn informed the jurisdictional Police. The Police, have taken both the boy and the girl into custody and have booked a case under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

The girl has been shifted to Girls Balamandira in Mysuru. A case has also been registered against the boy, who has also been sent to Boys Balamandira in Mysuru.

Vedike demands suspension of KAS Officer Basavarajendra

Mysuru, Aug.23 (SP&DM)- Karnataka Rajya Hindulida Vargagala Jagruta Vedike has demanded the suspension of KAS Officer **H. Basavarajendra,** who has accused ACB Police of pressurising him to sign a statement against former CM B.S. Yeddyurappa in the Shivaram Karanth Layout de-notification case.

Addressing a press meet here yesterday, Vedike President K.S. Shivaram alleged that Basavarajendra was a tainted officer. Alleging that Basavarajendra's letter to the Governor has given rise to suspicions, he said a Govt. official cannot criticize the Government while in service and as such, criticism of the Government is violation of law. Thus, the official must be sacked, he said.

LADY MLC'S HAND-HOLDING CONTROVERSY

T.P. Ramesh resigns from Cong.

Bengaluru, Aug. 23- A day after Kodagu District in-Charge Minister M.R. Seetharam said that action would be initiated against Karnataka Silk Marketing Board Chairman and Congress leader T.P. Ramesh, the latter resigned from the Board and primary membership of the Congress. Ramesh, who had shared the dais with Veena Achaiah, MLC, was in conversation with her, during Independence Day celebrations at Madikeri, when he tried to hold her hand, which she nudged away.

Apart from the CM, Ramesh submitted resignation letters to Seetharam and KPCC Working President Dinesh Gundu Rao.

"It would be suffocating for seniors like me to continue further in the organisation," Ramesh wrote.

Cops seek help to identify elderly woman

Mysuru, Aug. 23 (KS)- V.V. Puram Police, on Aug. 20, who found an elderly woman moving around near the Church in Brindavan Layout, have admitted the woman to the Old Age Home run by Bapuji Children's Home in Gokulam here. The Police, when questioned the woman about her whereabouts, the woman is said to have told that her name was Ningamma and her husband as late Cheluvaiah.

When the staff of the Old Age Home questioned her, she is said to have told them that she belongs to Mysuru and has three sons and three daughters besides stating one of her sons name as Sundar. The kith and kin of the woman, may contact Mob: 99453-73076, according to a press release from the Manager of Bapuji Children's Home.

CM gives green signal for vacating encroached University lands in State

Including Mysore Varsity, thousands of crores worth lands encroached

Bengaluru, Aug.23 (KMS& NNN)- Thousands of crores worth lands belonging to many Universities in the State, including the lands in University of Mysore, have been encroached. The State Government has given direction for vacating such encroached lands.

Responding to the request of the Higher Education Department, which had brought this issue to the notice of Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, he has passed an order for vacating the lands.

More than 20 acres of land has been encroached in the Manasagangothri Campus belonging to University of Mysore, which had celebrated its centenary last year. It is estimated that the prevailing market rates is more than Rs. 100 crore for this 20 acres.

The University campus is spread over 739 acres and in the encroached lands, a layout

with few buildings, park and a temple has come up. A few influential persons have encroached the land, formed sites, and distributed it. A few of those who purchased these sites have also built houses.

Higher Education Minister Basavaraj Rayareddy disclosing this to the media here yesterday, said that the Chief Minister had given a green signal for vacating the encroached lands. A meeting of Revenue Department officials, District in-Charge Minister, District Administration and top Police officials will be held and then action will be taken, he added.

A blue print has already been prepared regarding the encroached lands. Based on this, the lands will be vacated. If there are temples and mosques, the responsibility for them will rest with the Universities. The Government will vacate the remaining lands, said Rayareddy.

In Bangalore University campus, 100 acres of land has been encroached. On this land, an extension, burial ground, temple, commercial complex and a petrol bunk have come up. A few of the high profile people have also established a hi-tech hospital, schools and colleges, he revealed. Based on the details provided by the Universities, a meeting was held on December 19 last, an action plan was drawn, and blue print prepared. The CM, reacting to the suggestion of the Department, has directed for an immediate action, he said.

The Higher Education Dept. with the cooperation from other Departments will recover the encroached lands, he added.

Governor rejects VC nominations

Bengaluru, Aug.23 (KMS& NNN)- The Higher Education Department had recommended a name for the Vice-Chancellor's post of University of Mysore. However, with the Governor rejecting the name, there is a silent tussle going on between the Chancellor and the State Government. The Governor has not given the approval for the names recommended by the Government for the four Universities in the State including Bangalore and Mysore Universities.

The Governor has sent back the files regarding the appointment of Vice-Chancellors to Mysore and Bangalore Universities. The Government had recommended the name of the Vice-Chancellor for the Law University nearly two years ago. But, the Governor has rejected the name and is keeping silent on the issue.

University of Mysore is in a similar situation. While the Government had recommended the name of Prof. Siddashrama, Raj Bhavan officials have sought details about Prof. R.K. Somashekhar of Bangalore University.

The undue delay in appointing Vice-Chancellor is causing grave concern among the teaching and administrative fraternity. A Syndicate Member, speaking to *Star of Mysore* on condition of anonymity, said, "The Chief Minister must intervene and resolve the issue at the earliest. All important decisions are in limbo as the acting Vice-Chancellor cannot be entrusted with such huge responsibilities. However, it is sad that in spite of this situation, many decisions are being taken by the current dispensation that is inimical to the interest of the University."

This tug of war between the Governor and the Higher Education Department should end at the earliest at least to put the Higher Education back on the rails, said a former Vice-Chancellor to *Star of Mysore*.

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INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION AT FINE CORE CABLES PVT. LTD., MYSORE PREMISES

Fine Core Cables Pvt. Ltd. Journalist Colony J.C. Road, Bangalore Celebrated, Independence day at the factory premises at Hebbal, Mysore. Mr. A. Satish, President, MCCI was the Chief Guest. Mr. Shivanna, Corporator, Hebbal, Mysore. Mr. N.H. Jayantha, Vice President, MCCI, Mr. Suresh Kumar Jain, General Secretary, Mysore Industrial Association, Mr. Bhansali Ji, Treasurer, MCCI, Mr. Nagendra, Ex-Chairman, MUDA, Mr. K. Dushyantha, Practicing Company Secretary Insolvency Profession, Mr. Sheshadari, State Union Secretary (AITUC) and Mr. Raju, District President (AITUC) were present. Another picture of the employees of Fine Core Cable Pvt. Ltd., Fine Core Cables Chairman and Managing Director Ansar Khan MK is unfurling the tricolor to celebrate the Independence day on Tuesday, 15-08-2017.

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Pet Talk

Maneka Gandhi

In this week's Pet Talk, Maneka explains how to determine a cat's age

How can I determine a cat's age?

1. Check the cat's coat for thickness.

i. The coat of an older cat may be thin.
ii. Seasonal variations can occur. Summer coats are thinner than winter coats.
iii. Young cats will have smooth and full coats of hair.
iv. Older cats are more likely to have coarser hair.
v. Some patches of grey hair may appear in older cats.

2. Notice the cat's body type.

i. Young cats tend towards being lean and muscular, due to their high levels of activity.
ii. Middle age cats may be more filled out and round.
iii. Older cats will likely have pronounced shoulder bones and loose skin.

3. Watch the cat's mood. Older cats are more likely to have decreased vision and hearing, as well as suffer from pain caused by arthritis. These conditions can have an effect on your cat's mood. If you notice the cat displaying these behaviours, it can be an indication that it is either ill, in the later stages of its life, or both:

i. The older cat may act overly aggressive when you interact with it.
ii. Fear and anxiety can increase in older cats as well.

4. Monitor your cat's litter-box usage. If your cat has any problems using the litter-box, it may indicate a few different issues. Specifically, older cats may have trouble using the litter box due to health issues or decreased ability to handle stress.

i. Some health issues that can cause trouble in older cats, when using the litter-box, are decreased vision, inflammatory bowel disease, and kidney or liver diseases.
ii. Stress can cause an older cat to not use its litter-box.

5. Notice your cat's sleep patterns. In most cats, as their age increases, so will the amount of sleep they require. You should also keep track of when it sleeps, looking for any changes to its schedule as it ages.

i. Older cats may stay up all night and sleep during the day. Older cats may also howl at night.
ii. As cats age, their activity levels drop and they will spend more time sleeping. Younger cats will be more active, playing during the day, while older cats will want to rest.

6. Look for any clouding. As your cat ages, its eyes may turn from being bright and clear to cloudy and dull. By examining the degree of cloudiness, or clearness, in your cat's eyes, you can get a better understanding of how old your cat is.

i. Clear and bright eyes will indicate that your cat is likely a young one.
ii. Older cats may have cloudy eyes due to age itself or the development of cataracts.

7. Examine the iris. The iris is the colourful part of the eye that surrounds the pupil. By examining the iris, you can learn the approximate age of your cat. Look for any signs of jaggedness or roughness in the iris as you investigate.

i. Younger cats will have clean and smooth irises.
ii. As cats age, their irises will become thinner and strands will start to appear in the iris, along with pigment patches.

8. Monitor the eyes for discharge or tears. A sign of both age and health, the tear ducts in your cat's eyes can be a great place to check up on your cat. At times, due to either aging, illness, or injury, its eyes may become overly runny. Runny eyes, as well as injury and illness, are more likely to be found in older cats, which can help you indicate your cat's age.

i. Younger cats should not have noticeable tears or discharge.
ii. Older cats may have apparent tearing or discharge from their eyes.
iii. Runny eyes can also be a sign of illness or injury, so check with your veterinarian.

9. Count the cat's teeth. As your cat ages, it will go through different stages of dental development. When your cat is relaxed and comfortable, try identifying the types of teeth it has, to get an idea of how old your cat is.

i. The first teeth to grow in a kitten are the incisors (around 2-4 weeks) and canines (around 3-4 weeks), followed by the premolars (around 4-6 weeks).
ii. A cat younger than around four months will not yet have its molars.
iii. From the ages of around six months up to one year, your cat will have all of its adult teeth. At this point the cat's teeth should be white and have no signs of wear.

10. Look for yellowing of your cat's teeth. As your cat ages, its teeth will start to show signs of that aging. Yellowing of the teeth can indicate that you cat is an older adult. The degree of wear, and yellowing, will indicate just how old your cat is likely to be.

i. You can expect to see slight yellowing in your cat's teeth at around two years of age.
ii. At ages three to five years old, your cat will have increased yellowing in its teeth.
iii. Between the ages of five to ten, yellowing will be easily visible.
iv. When your cat is ten or older it will show clear signs of yellowing, likely on all teeth.

11. Check your cat's teeth for signs of wear and tear. Another indication of age, that can be seen in your cat's teeth, is how worn down they are. Carefully examine your cat's teeth to look for any areas that may be worn, to help you determine how old your cat might be.

i. Worn down teeth will have lost their points, appearing more dull than in a younger cat.
ii. Some teeth may have the points either worn or broken off.
iii. Generally, your cat will begin to show signs of tooth wear when it is five years old. If your cat is between five and ten years old, teeth will show clear signs of wear.
iv. At ages of ten years and beyond, heavy wearing down of the teeth will be apparent. Some teeth may be missing at these ages.
v. The older a cat is, the more likely it is to have dental tartar and gum recession. This is a vague tool for aging because how quickly the teeth become dirty depends on the cat's diet.

Patience Pays

Wildlife photography is very challenging but it has its own rewards. This photograph of the tiger cub captured in the Nagarahole National Park a few days ago by amateur wildlife photographer Mallik Umapathy, an NRI based in Bristol, UK, is quite stunning. Umapathy, a proud Kannadiga, who has his roots in Mysuru, waited for more than one-and-a-half hours near a waterhole. Finally, he got lucky to get a glimpse of the striped cat in its cute glory. He sent this photo to Star of Mysore *and we found it worth publishing.*

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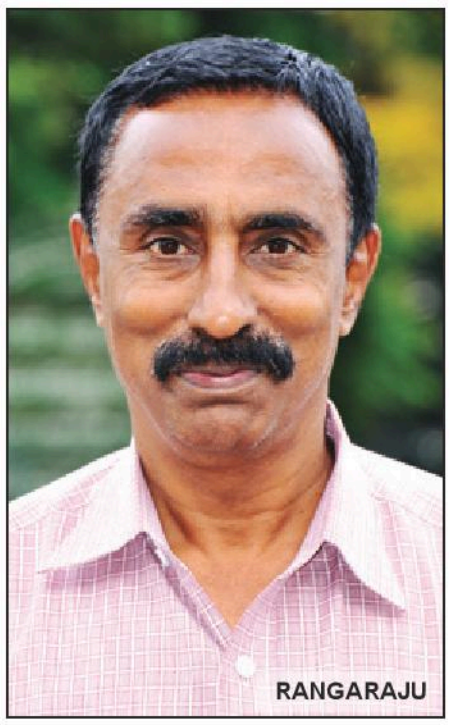
'Nail Man' and his Elephants

A backbone of Dasara, Rangaraju ensures the health and well-being of gentle giants during their stay at Mysore Palace...


RANGARAJU

Rangaraju is seen in action during rehearsals on the Jumboo Savari route between Mysore Palace and Bannimantap. His job is to pick up nails and other sharp objects on the route. Left abandoned, these sharp objects injure the jumbo foot.

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar and B.C. Thimmaiah

He has been with elephants across India for the last 27 years and his dedication to the gentle giants is unquestionable. He has participated in 24 Dasaras in Mysuru and is the trusted name when it comes to the welfare of elephants. Having just a year to retire, he recounts his experience in dealing with elephants and the crucial role in making Dasara celebrations a success year after year.

Meet Rangaraju, alias "nail man" who is an inseparable part of Dasara. He is called the "nail man" as he walks in front of the elephants looking for nails, stones and other sharp objects that might potentially pierce into the legs of elephants during rehearsals from Mysore Palace to Bannimantap and also during Vijayadashami procession.

Though automated magnetic nail removal machines — either carried by forest staff or fixed into a vehicle — are now being used for the purpose *(see pic on Page-10)*, Rangaraju trusts his own eyes for the job. These machines only absorb iron nails. But to remove stones and other sharp plastic objects, the Forest Department banks on Rangaraju's trained eyes. Out of experience, he can remove such objects from the *Jumboo Savari* route.

While Rangaraju is employed at the Bandipur National Park, his special duty starts from the day elephants arrive in Mysuru for the annual Dasara. He takes over the well-being of elephants and is the in-charge when it comes to elephant diet and health.

WHEN I WAS SLAPPED... *"In 1994, during Dasara rehearsals, the then Howdah Elephant Drona's leg was pierced by a 2-inch nail near a rain tree in front of K.R. Hospital on the way to Bannimantap. After two days, Drona began dragging his leg and I found puss formation. I immediately alerted the then veterinarian Dr. Nanjappa. As Dasara procession, where Drona had the responsibility of carrying the Golden Howdah, was just a fortnight away, an angry Dr. Nanjappa slapped me twice and said that this was the reason why he always told me to be in front of the elephants when they march, looking for sharp objects. I learnt a lesson that day and since then I have been doing this 'nail picking' job."*

ELEPHANT CARE SINCE 1990

Starting his career in the Forest Department in 1990 as a temporary daily-wage worker, his name was entered officially after five months in the "cash book" in 1991 and he was put under veterinary training. In 1992, he was sent to Madhya Pradesh where he acquired additional skills to capture wild elephants and treat them in case of injuries. He was posted to Bihar and Odisha where he further honed up his skills. Over the years, Rangaraju became an expert in elephant catching operations and so far, he has caught 68 wild elephants along with a team, domesticated and trained them.

RETIREMENT NEXT YEAR

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Rangaraju says that this is his 24th Dasara and he is due to retire on September 24 or 25. "Next year will be my last Dasara and if the Department gives me an extension, I will perform my duties till Dasara 2018 ends," he says and heaves a sigh.

Rangaraju's hectic routine starts from the day the elephants come to Mysuru from various jungle camps. Due to high expectations from the elephants, training too is rigorous and at times strenuous. The elephants are pampered for almost two months and are put on special diet and it is ensured that they don't fall sick. And for this, Rangaraju goes to the elephant sheds as early as 6 am to check elephant dung.

"This is the only way to see if the elephants are healthy and they don't have a stomach upset. Out of my training and experience, I can say if the elephants are sick by looking at the dung they discharge. Any indigestion or loose motion, I immediately report to the veterinary doctor (Dr. D.N. Nagaraj who is at present the department doctor) and he instructs me to keep a set of medicines handy to feed the elephants. Based on my observations and reports, medication is done and injections are administered by the doctor," he says.

NAIL MAN'S ROLE

Ask him about how he became a "nail man", Rangaraju has an interesting story to narrate. "In 1994, during Dasara rehearsals, the then Howdah Elephant Drona's leg was pierced by a 2-inch nail near a rain tree in front of K.R. Hospital on the way to Bannimantap. This incident happened just 15 days before the *Jumboo Savari*. After two days, Drona began dragging his leg and the mahout Appaji complained to me. We then took Drona to Karanji Lake and washed his legs. As I was feeling his front right leg, I found puss formation and Drona writhed in pain," he explains.

"I immediately alerted the then veterinarian Dr. Nanjappa. As Dasara procession, where Drona had the responsibility of carrying the Golden Howdah, was just a fortnight away, an angry Dr. Nanjappa slapped me twice and said that this was the reason why he always told me to be in front of the elephants when they march, looking for sharp objects. I learnt a lesson that day and since then I have been doing this 'nail picking' job," he narrates.

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Futile bid to kidnap girl student in N'gud

Ramya

Nanjangud, Aug. 23 (RS&KS)- An attempt to kidnap a girl student has been reported at Nanjangud this morning. But the presence of mind of the girl helped her to escape from the alleged kidnappers.

The girl, who was being kidnapped, has been identified as Ramya, a native of Mandya, who is pursuing her BE course at the Engineering College in Chamarajanagar by staying in a hostel there.

Ramya, speaking to *Star of Mysore,* said that she received a call on her mobile phone this morning by someone claiming to be her uncle, who asked her to come to Sri Nanjundeshwara Temple in Nanjangud as he wanted to see her.

She said that she did not suspect the caller as he spoke in the same voice of her uncle. She then boarded a bus from Chamarajanagar and landed at Nanjangud Bus Stand, where she again received a call asking her to come to the waiting Scorpio vehicle (KA-10 N-7070) near the bus stand, she added.

When she came near the Scorpio vehicle, she found a lady seated in the back seat and the driver, she said and added that the driver told her that her uncle had sent the vehicle to fetch her and he was waiting near the temple.

Ramya further said that she boarded the vehicle and the driver drove the vehicle towards Gundlupet direction to which she questioned the driver and added that the woman who was seated in the rear seat got down near a bakery in Nanjangud and the driver proceeded further.

She said that when the vehicle came to the main road and reached near the Police Station, she caught hold of the steering and turned the vehicle sharply, which resulted in the vehicle rushing into the Police Quarters.

When people began to assemble, the driver fled from the scene only to be chased by the public but in vain. The public then enquired the girl and took her to the Police Station.

ASP Mohammed Sujitha and Circle Inspector Gopalakrishna, who collected information about the details of the incident, have called the relatives of Ramya and are enquiring.

The enquiry was on, when we went to the Press.

Poor family in city to get house

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Yet the family has no shelter and has been living in this condition since many years.

Star of Mysore visited the place where the family stays this morning and found a small shed-like structure under a tamarind tree. They have a small shed to live and a ramshackle petty shop to lead a livelihood.

The family is headed by 75-year-old Abdul Khader and his wife is 50-year-old Noor Jahan. They have three children Tabassum, Sania Banu and Mohammad Saifulla and Tabassum is mentally challenged. All of them live adjacent to the petty shop with a structure made of mud, metal and plastic sheets. The family depends on the meagre income that is generated by selling tea and other snacks.

Seeing their plight, a group of residents led by Hanchya Gram Panchayat member Yakub Sharief tweeted the family's plight to the CM. According to Yakub, the family has been living under the tamarind tree since many years and they face extreme difficulties when it rains. The family members' names figure in the list of homeless prepared by the local Jamath Committee. The list also includes the names of 85 other homeless persons at Bharatnagar.

Soon after the CM tweeted, the family was summoned by DC D. Randeep to his office where their living conditions were discussed. The DC will now write to the Slum Board and the Mysuru City Corporation to take up group housing schemes at Bharatnagar. Speaking to SOM, the DC said that land will be provided by the government for the group housing scheme.

Join to Help Trust to distribute 1,024 seed-ball Ganesha idols

Mysuru, Aug. 23 (MTY&BCT)- In its efforts to promote an environmental-friendly Ganesha Festival and afforestation, city's Join to Help Charitable Trust is distributing 1,024 free eco-friendly Ganesha idols that have been embedded with a seed-ball each. The idea is that once the idols are immersed, the seed ball germinates and grows into a tree.

Free Ganesha idols were distributed this morning at a programme called "Mruthyunjaya Ganapa" at the Jayamarthanda Gate of Palace.

Join to Help Charitable Trust President Jeevitha Mahendra said that the members of the Trust comprised working professionals and students in the age-group of 20 to 25 years.

"Following a movement to use eco-friendly Ganesha, this year we have brought out a unique concept where clay Ganesha idol is made and a seed-ball is embedded into it. As the Ganesha will be immersed in a water body, the seed-ball will have ample chances of germinating," she said.

"We have roped in Ganesha artist N. Sunil, a resident of Hebbal, to make 1,024 Ganesha idols, named 'Mruthyunjaya Ganapa', which have seed-balls at the base. The pure clay Ganesha idol without any artificial colour or paint has gulaganji or Abrus Precatorius (commonly known as crab's eye) seeds embedded in it," she said and added that the idols will be distributed at 10 Ganapathi temples across the city, 101 at each location. The remaining will be distributed to government officials. Government offices, including the Deputy Commissioner's office, Mysuru Palace Board, will also be given the idols.

Trust Secretary Dhanushkumar said that Ganesha idol need not be immersed in water after completing the festival and puja. "It can be just placed in a pot and watered. Like watering a plant, it can be watered and after a few days the plants will germinate, as the clay of the idol dissolves and mixes with mud," he said. He said that they have mostly inserted seed balls of medicinal plants like Tulsi, wild Tulsi and oregano, and of trees like neem. Seeds have been procured from Srirangapatna.

Dr. Shivaram Karanth Layout De-notification case

ACB withdraws notice issued to BSY

Bengaluru, Aug. 23 - In a temporary relief to former CM and State BJP President B.S. Yeddyurappa in the Dr. Shivaram Karanth Layout alleged de-notification case, the Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) has withdrawn the notice issued to him to appear before it on Aug. 24.

The High Court today, heard the petition filed by Yeddyurappa seeking quashing of FIR filed against him. After the arguments and counter arguments, the ACB told the High Court that it was withdrawing the notice issued to BSY and also assured that there will be no further action by it until the next hearing. The Court thereafter adjourned the case to Aug. 28 and also instructed the ACB not to arrest the former CM.

Senior Advocate C.V. Nagesh appeared for B.S. Yeddyurappa while another senior Advocate Ravi Verma Kumar represented the ACB.

19 AIADMK MLAs take shelter at Puducherry Windflower Resort

Puducherry, Aug. 23 - The 19 AIADMK MLAs, belonging to TVV Dinakaran's faction, who withdrew support to E. Palanswami-led Tamil Nadu Government, have now been lodged at The Windflower Resorts and Spa in Puducherry. As news about the MLAs staying in the resorts spread, the supports of ruling AIADMK arrived at the resort's gate and demanded the MLAs to come out their rooms. However, the Police personnel deployed at the spot prevented the protestors from entering the resort.

The MLAs submitted individual letters to TN Governor C. Vidyasagar Rao yesterday demanding for the removal of CM Palaniswami stating that they had lost confidence. The MLAs called the merger of two AIADMK factions as illegal and also opposed the proposed decision to expel jailed V.K. Sasikala as party chief.

Save Kodagu: Protest rally at Kutta on Aug.26

Ponnampet (Kodagu), Aug.23- As part of Save Kodagu and Save Cauvery Campaign, a protest rally will be staged at Kutta on Aug. 26.

The rally against the proposed Railway and Highway projects, is coordinated by United Kodava Organisation, Coorg Wildlife Society, Kodagu Growers Federation and Save Kodagu Forum and supported by over 30 organisations across Kodagu.

All participants are requested to arrive in their vehicles at Ponnampet bus stand by 9 am on Saturday. From there the vehicle convoy will move to Hudikeri, T. Shettigeri, Srimangala and Kutta. From Kutta Post Office, the procession will pass through the Town to the Kutta Forest Check Post where there will be a brief assembly.

Heavy rush at city markets

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Prices of vegetables, fruits fall

Heavy rush was witnessed at the Devaraja market this morning with people from various parts of the city and surrounding villages thronging it. The main entrance area of the market on the southern side, near the Dufferin Clock, was packed with vendors and customers. People were seen purchasing various items with happy faces as the prices of vegetables, fruits, flowers and others materials were affordable unlike the previous years where the prices had hit north.

The prices of various vegetables were, Tomato (Rs. 30/kg), Beans (Rs. 40/kg), Carrot (Rs. 30/kg), Potato (Rs. 20/kg), Onion (Rs. 40-50/kg) and Field Bean (Avarekai) (Rs. 50/kg). However, the prices of coriander and other greens had gone up with each bunch being sold at Rs. 10.

The flower section at the Devaraja Market saw a heavy rush with vendors beckoning customers to purchase from their shops. Cossandra (Kanakambara) was sold at Rs. 100/meter, Jasmine (Mallige) Rs. 30/meter, Ooty Jasmine (Rs. 350/kg), Rose (Rs. 80 for ¼ kg), Daisy (Rs. 120/bunch), Gerbera (Rs. 60/bunch), Lotus (Rs. 10 each), Marigold (Rs. 30/kg) and Chrysanthemum (Rs. 50-Rs. 100/meter).

This apart, the Bamboo Winnower, which is used for Bagina, was sold at Rs. 50 to Rs. 120 per each pairs and Banana Stems were sold at Rs. 30 each pair. The idols of Goddess Gowri statues were sold at Rs. 20 to Rs. 200 each while the Lord Ganesha statue was sold at Rs. 50 to Rs. 700 each in the market.

The fruit vendors were also making merry with people purchasing fruits in large quantity to be used for both the festivals. The Elakki banana was sold at Rs. 120/kg, Apple (130/kg), Pomegranate (120/kg), Custard Apple (Rs. 120/kg), Grapes (Rs. 120/kg), Sweet Lemon (Mosambi – Rs. 60/kg), Wood Apple (Rs. 120 kg) and the mixed fruit basket was sold at Rs. 120 each.

Hoteliers oppose Dasara Food Mela at three locations

Deputy Director of the Department of Food and Civil Supplies Dr.K. Rameshwarappa is seen chairing the meeting of hoteliers at DC's office here this morning as Karnataka Pradesh Hotel Owners Association President M. Rajendra, City Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayana Gowda and others look on.

Mysuru, Aug.23(US&RKB)- Hoteliers of city have opposed the proposal of District Administration to organise Dasara Food Mela at three locations in city.

A meeting of all stakeholders which included hoteliers, bakery owners and caterers was held this morning at DC's office here which was chaired by Dr.K. Rameshwarappa, Deputy Director, Department of Food and Civil Supplies who is also the Working President of Dasara Food Mela Sub-Committee.

Participating in the meeting M. Rajendra, President of Karnataka Pradesh Hotel Owners Association opined that Food Mela was just a part of Dasara which should not be extended to two more locations.

He contended that the hoteliers had already suffered losses during bandhs and other reasons and hence suggested that they should be allowed to make up the losses during Dasara.

Adding to that, City Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayana Gowda opined that hotels get licences from 27 departments to start business which should not be curtailed by opening Food Melas at three locations. He instead suggested the organisers to hold the mela in a better way at Scouts and Guides Grounds as done earlier.

Supporting the claim, entrepreneur and FKCCI Vice-President Sudhakar S. Shetty said that Food Mela at three locations would encourage too many stalls and thus deprive hotels of a good business especially during Dasara.

Replying to the complaints Rameshwarappa said that organising Food Mela at three locations was only a proposal which would be reviewed for pros and cons.

He pointed out that organising the mela at only one location was resulting in parking woes and traffic snarls and hence was thought to distribute the rush to two more locations. He said that he would discuss the matter with the District Minister and DC before finalising on the proposal.

Sub-Committee Secretary H.K. Ramu, about 50 hoteliers and other stake holders attended the meeting.

Tribal delicacies at Dasara Food Mela, meeting at DC office tomorrow: The popular Dasara Food Mela will be held this time at three locations namely scouts and guides ground, MUDA land adjacent to Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel and MUDA land adjacent to KSRTC depot in Sathagalli here. A separate enclosure will be opened at the Food Mela to serve traditional, rural and tribal delicacies.

A meeting in that context has been arranged tomorrow at 11am at Deputy Commissioner's office here. Tribals of all districts can attend the meeting. For details contact Dr. K. Rameshwarappa on Ph: 0821-2422107 or Mob: 96111-65967.

APMC bandh in city total

Mysuru, Aug. 23 (MTY&DM)- The State-wide APMC bandh called by the Federation of Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI), to protest against e-payment, was total in city with traders shutting down shops at the APMC yard in Bandipalya on Nanjangud Road today.

The APMC, which was a bee hive of activity on all working days, today wore a totally deserted look.

The traders are up-in-arms against the e-payment system introduced under GST. Terming the new system as unscientific and cannot be implemented, the traders demanded immediate withdrawal of the new system according to which traders should remit payments directly to the bank account of farmers for produce purchased from them.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Based on the Agreement of Sale dated 11-7-2005 in respect of 1 Acre and 22 Guntas of agricultural land in Sy.No.69/1 of Chikkahalli village, Varuna Hobli, Mysore Taluk, (fully described in the schedule below) executed by Mr.Nataraju S/O Late Puttamadaiah of Chikkahalli village and others, my client Mr.S.Suresh, S/O Shivarama Rao, had filed O.S No.450/2006 on the file of the Senior Civil Judge, Mysore. After the dismissal of the suit, my client challenged the same in R.A No.312/2011. Since the R.A was also dismissed, my client has challenged the same before the High Court of Karnataka, in R.S.A No.1876/2015. When the said R.S.A No.1876/2015 came up before the High Court on 26-11-2015, the Advocate for Caveator/Respondent-1 Nataraju, S/O Late Puttamadaiah, submitted that he will not alienate the suit property and the same has been recorded by the High Court.

Having regard to the said undertaking and the pendency of the R.S.A No.1876/2015, the public at large are hereby warned/notified not to enter in to any transactions or dealings in respect of the schedule property with Nataraju, S/O Late Puttamadaiah and others. Despite this public notice, if any person/s were to purchase or to deal with the schedule property, they will be doing so at his/their own risk and costs and it will not in any way affect the rights of my client over the said property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Agricultural land bearing Sy.No.69/1 measuring 1 Acre and 22 Guntas, situated at Chikkahalli village, Varuna Hobli, Mysore Taluk and bounded as follows : On the East by : Land of Puttananjaiah, On the West by : Government Land, On the North by : Land of Puttalingaiah, On the South by : Land of Moddedevanna.

Krishnamurthy G.Hasyagar, Advocate
No.1600 (Upstairs), "Shri Durgambika",
1st "A" Cross, 3rd Main, Chandra Layout, BANGALORE- 560040

Date: 22.08.2017

Tusker electrocuted in H.D. Kote

H.D. Kote, Aug. 23 (Manju& KS)- A tusker was found electrocuted in a maize field at Narasipura village in H.D. Kote taluk this morning.

The tusker aged between 22-25 years had come to the field belonging to one Naveen in search of food last night and came in contact with the solar fence for which power was drawn illegally and was electrocuted.

The elephant was found dead today morning by the villagers, who informed the Forest officials. ACF Raghu and staff, who rushed to the spot, inspected the place and collected information from the villagers. The Forest Department personnel are on a look out for Naveen and his family members, who are absconding.

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'Nail Man' and his Elephants

***Rangaraju** (standing down) **is seen holding medicines as a veterinary doctor administers drips to an elephant which fell sick following rigorous training during Dasara. Picture right shows Rangaraju removing a nail from the hind leg of Shobha, a female elephant.** (file photos)*

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Rangaraju says that immediately the puss was cleared and the nail was pulled out using a cutting plier. "Fortunately, we were able to treat Drona and make him ready to carry the Howdah. Drona too, took the incident in its stride and obeyed all instructions given to him by mahout Appaji. I can never forget the incident," he says with repentance writ large on his face.

This is not all. Dasara elephant Shobha too had to face the pain of a nail. She was diagnosed and treated early. "Elephants spend a minimum of 50 days to two months in Mysuru and undergo rigorous training. This makes their feet wear out. As such a very small stone can cause a big injury and puss formation is easy once the leg is hurt. My job is to ensure that roads are smooth for the elephants to move," he says.

Rangaraju takes special care of the elephants a week before the procession and once the Howdah elephant rehearses with wooden Ambari mounted on his back on top of a specially-made hay bed. "One week before the procession is the 'Golden Time' and every minute detail is looked into. Since four years, magnetic trolley is being used to pick nails. A vehicle mounted with this trolley goes in front of the elephants and I follow it carefully, looking for stones and plastic sharp objects that are not picked up by the magnetic trolley," he says. Now-a-days, Rangaraju is ably assisted by Drona's mahout Appaji.

ELEPHANT DIET, HEALTH

Speaking on elephant diet, Rangaraju says that he follows a rigorous and stringent quality checks. He is in-charge of rations and there were times when some unscrupulous food contractors supplied sub-standard rice, ragi, wheat, butter and pulses in bulk. "You will be shocked to hear that some people influenced me to 'adjust' with the substandard food items so that they could pocket huge commission from the contractors. I told them that there would be no compromise on elephant food and had even told my bosses not to allow such people near the elephants. My word was honoured and the Forest Department trusts me for my sincerity," he says.

> BITTER MEDICINE... *"Among other threats to Dasara elephants when they are housed at the Mysore Palace is the fight between mahouts and kavadis. In a drunken state they quarrel with each other and there have been cases where the elephants are victimised. There are instances where some mahouts and kavadis have fed the elephants with 'bitter medicine' so that elephants refuse food and disrupt Dasara."*

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CREDITS DOCTORS FOR KNOWLEDGE

Recalling his association with Howdah elephants, Rangaraju remembers working with Mahendra, Drona, Balarama and Arjuna, the present Howdah elephant. He has also worked with Srirama, Gajendra, Abhimanyu, Shobha, Varalakshmi and Kaveri. He fondly recalls Srirama, who was gored to death by Gajendra, as a good elephant.

Rangaraju does not forget to credit veterinarians Dr. Nanjappa, Dr. Chittiappa and Dr. D.N. Nagaraj. "These doctors taught me every aspect of elephants, be it food, training and medication. It is because of them I could promptly serve Dasara elephants," he says. Making a special mention about Dr. Chittiappa who had captured more than 150 elephants for the Forest Department, Rangaraju says, "Dr Chittiappa was a very prompt doctor who had dedicated his career for the welfare of elephants."

The only regret Rangaraju has is that his service was regularised very late. "The Department regularised my services only in 2014 and hence I will not get any increment, pension and other benefits," he exclaims, with a worried look on his face.

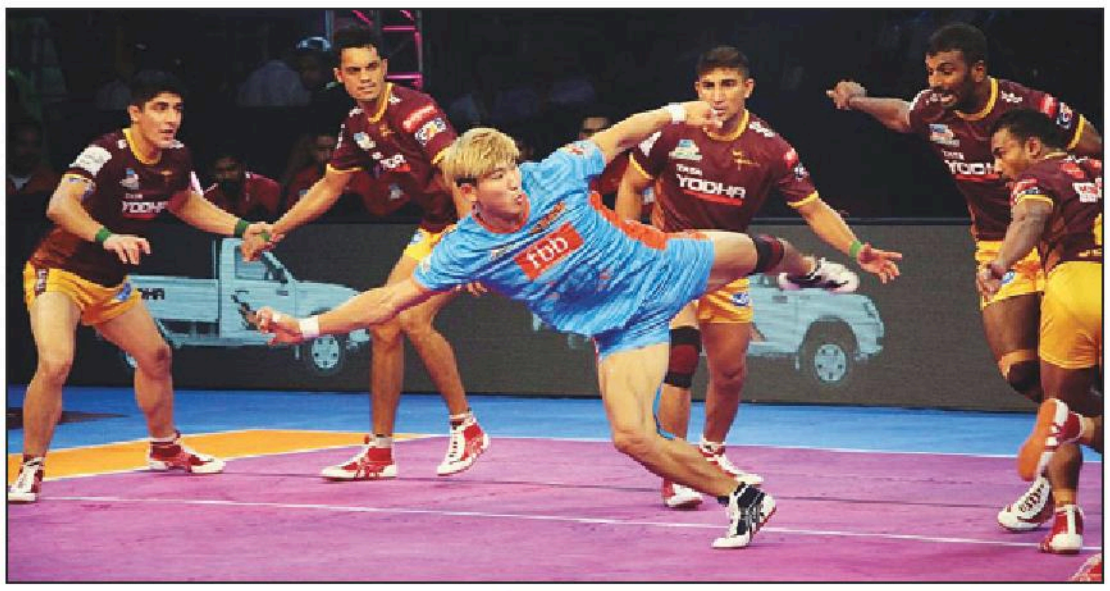
ANY INCIDENT HE FEELS PROUD ABOUT?

"Once three elephant calves were attacked by a male tiger at Ramapura range in Bandipur National Park. Forest watchers spotted the calves and they informed Dr. Nagaraj. He took me to the place and the calves were in a critical state and worse, they were separated from the herd. I expressed my reservations on their survival and it was Dr. Nagaraj who boosted my confidence. He gave me medication guidelines and I treated the calves for three months in Bandipur and I did not move from there. Slowly, the elephants showed signs of recovery and they sprang back to life after three months," Rangaraju recounts.

The high-powered magnetic device that is fitted into a jeep moves in front of Dasara elephants as they rehearse. The magnetic device clears the paths of sharp objects like nails, pins and metal pieces that may cause injury.

Pro Kabaddi 2017

UP Yoddha suffer yet another home defeat



Lucknow, Aug. 23- Bengal Warriors got back to winning ways after a 32-31 win over hosts U.P. Yoddha at the Babu Banarasi Das Indoor Stadium in Lucknow yesterday. Deepak Narwal shone in attack for Bengal with a Super 10, while Ran Singh and Surjeet Singh bagged three tackle points each in defence for the winners.

Both sides traded punches early on with the score tied at 3-3 after the opening five minutes. Maninder Singh and Jang Kun Lee started the contest well for Bengal, while Nitin Tomar and Rishank Devadiga didn't take long to get on the scoreboard for Lucknow either.

Neither team was willing to give an inch as the half progressed but the Warriors began to open a narrow lead in the final 10 minutes of the opening period. Bengal's raiders and defence began to establish a stranglehold of the match in the last five minutes of the half with Lee and Deepak proving difficult to contain for Lucknow.

They opened a 13-8 lead at one stage, however, a three-point raid – one bonus and two touch points – by Rajesh Narwal, followed by a successful super tackle by the hosts tied things up at 13-13.

A brilliant four-point play by Deepak on the stroke of half-time, which inflicted the first All-Out of the night on Lucknow, though ensured Bengal went in with a 19-14 lead at the break.

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UP Yoddha Vs Tamil Thalaivas, 9 pm

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Gujarat Fortunegiants 35 beat Puneri Paltan 21

Bengal Warriors 32 beat UP Yoddha 31

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The Yoddha started the second period with quick points in attack and defence to cut Bengal's lead down to three points. Tomar then adopted a low-risk strategic approach of swift bonus points to be within touching distance of Bengal as the game approached its final quarter.

Just when things were beginning to look good for Lucknow, a sensational two-point do-or-die raid by Deepak after a well-executed dubki helped Bengal reopen their three-point lead in 29th minute. Not to be deterred, Lucknow responded by sending the Warriors' biggest threat of the night, Deepak to bench with a robust tackle two minutes later.

The home side eventually levelled the score at 25-25 courtesy of a successful tackle on Bhupender Singh with seven minutes remaining on the clock. However, the visitors held their own in defence, while Deepak returned from the bench to cause consternation for Lucknow's defence before receiving a yellow card that forced him to be on the bench and in turn allowed UP to tie things up again at 29-29.

It wouldn't prove to be enough for Lucknow though as a phenomenal tackle by Bengal on Tomar gave them a one-point advantage with two minutes to play. Warriors captain Surjeet Singh followed it up with a successful tackle on Devadiga before Lee raided successfully to help his side to a slender win.

MRC election on Sept. 4

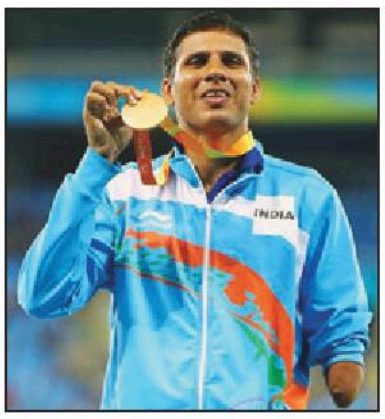
Seven nominations valid

Mysuru, Aug. 23- The election for the posts of Steward and Committee Members of Mysore Race Club Limited will be held during the 49th Annual General Meeting on Sept. 4 at 11 am. The following nominations have been declared valid and are eligible to contest the elections:

Stewards: B.U. Chengappa, Dr. N. Nithyanand Rao, Dr. D. Satyanarayana and Dr. C.D. Sreenivasa Murthy.

Committee Members: H.K. Ramesh, S. Shankara Rao and K.N. Suresh Kumar.

Khel Ratna for Devendra Jhajharia, Sardar Singh



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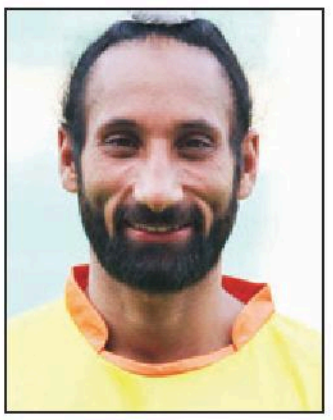

Sardar Singh

New Delhi, Aug. 23- The Union Sports Ministry announced the winners of the prestigious Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna, Arjuna, Dronacharya and Dhyanchand awards, yesterday.

Paralympian Indian star Devendra Jhajharia, who clinched gold in men's F46 javelin throw at the Rio Olympics and former Indian hockey skipper Sardar Singh will be honoured with the prestigious Khel Ratna award.

The Dhyan Chand Award for lifetime contribution to sports development will be awarded to Bhupender Singh (Athletics), Syed Shahid Hakim (Football) and Sumarai Tete (Hockey).

The Dronacharya Award will be awarded to Late Dr. R. Gandhi (athletics), Heera Nand Kataria (Kabaddi), G.S.S.V. Prasad (Badminton) (lifetime), Brij Bhushan Mohanty (Boxing) (lifetime), P.A. Raphel (Hockey) (lifetime), Sanjoy Chakraverthy (Shooting) (lifetime) and Roshan Lal (Wrestling) (lifetime).

Indian batsman Cheteshwar Pujara, Indian women's cricket team all-rounder Harmanpreet Kaur, Paralympic medallists Mariyappan Thangavelu and Varun Bhati, and golfer SSP Chawrasia are among 17 players who will be rewarded with Arjuna awrad this year.

Arjuna Awards winners: V.J. Surekha (Archery), Khushbir Kaur (Athletics), Arokia Rajiv (Athletics), Prasanthi Singh (Basketball), Laishram Debendro Singh (Boxing), Cheteshwar-Pujara (Cricket), Harmanpreet Kaur (Cricket), Oinam Bembem Devi (Football), S.S.P. Chawrasia (Golf), S.V. Sunil (Hockey), Jasvir Singh (Kabaddi), P. N. Prakash (Shooting), A. Amalraj (Table Tennis), Saketh Myneni (Tennis), Satyawart Kadian (Wrestling), Mariyappan (Para-Athlete) and Varun Singh Bhati (Para-Athlete)

The Selection Committee for Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award and Arjuna Awards was headed by Justice C.K. Thakkar (former Judge Supreme Court of India, Chief Justice of High Court of Himachal and Bombay). Selection Committee for Dronacharya Awards and Dhyan Chand Awards was headed by Pullela Gopichand.

The awardees will receive their awards from President Ram Nath Kovind at a function to be held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan on Aug. 29. Apart from a medal and a citation, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awardees will receive a cash prize of Rs. 7.5 lakh each.

Arjuna, Dronacharya and Dhyan Chand Awardees will receive statuettes, certificates and cash prize of Rs. 5 lakh cash prize each.

KSCA U-19 Inter Mofussil Cricket Tournament

Five-wicket win for Mysuru zone

Bengaluru, Aug. 23- Inspiring performances by skipper Nikin Jose (69), Gautham Sagar (34) and bowlers Sathvik Shaymanur (two for 23), Munish Chengappa (two for 20) and Thushar Harikrishna (two for 26), Mysuru Zone earned a five-wicket win over Mangaluru Zone in the KSCA U-19 Inter-Mofussil Cricket Tournament at Bengaluru on Monday last. **Brief Scores:** Mangaluru Zone144 all out in 38 overs (Anish Alva 37, Keith Pinto 27, Sathvik Shaymanur two for 23, Munish Chengappa two for 20, Thushar Harikrishna two for 26) lost to Mysuru Zone 146 for five in 39.3 overs (Nikin Jose 69, Gautham Sagar 34, Vidwath Kaveriappa two for 24).

Ranga Rajan Trophy 'C' Division Basketball League

Aryans go down to Central Excise

Bengaluru, Aug. 23- Mysuru's Aryans Basketball Club taking part in the Karnataka State 'C' Division Basketball League for the Rangarajan Trophy at Sri Kanteerava Stadium went down to Central Excise & Customs 32-64 yesterday.

RESULTS

Central Excise & Customs 64 (Prem 14) bt Aryans BC 32 (Kehitij 16), DRDO 40 (Vadi 10) bt Pro Tech Challengers, Mysuru 25 (Sachin 13), PPC 49 (Gautham 14) bt Aryans BC, Mysuru 36 (Sarthak 16).

Colourful cultural programmes mark I-Day celebrations

GSSS SCHOOL, SIDDARTHANAGAR: ***Independence Day was celebrated at GSSS School premises in the presence of Dr. V. Ranganath, retired Tahsildar of Periyapatna, as the chief guest. Vanaja B. Pandit, Hon. Secretary, GSSS, B.K. Natraj, Member of the Board, Dr. S. Raviraja, Principal of the College, A.V. Sudha, Principal of School, Sumana Priyavratha, Head Mistress, were also present. Children took part in various activities such as march-past, pyramid formation, dance, singing patriotic song, karate, etc.***

SVEI: ***The 71st Independence Day was celebrated with grandeur in SVEI. Seen in the picture*** *(from right)* ***B. Shivalingappa, Secretary, S.L. Ganapathy, DGM, Corporation Bank, Raghavan, Manager, Corporation Bank, M.K. Potharaj, President of SVEI, T. Prabhakar Shetty, Treasurer, Komala Potharaj, Trustee and Puttaswamygowda, CAO. Rachana Dechamma of X std. welcomed the gathering. Sinchana of Class V delivered a speech on the significance of the day. Pavithra and Vidyadhar anchored the programme. N. Sakshi of VII std. proposed a vote of thanks.***

CHAMUNDI CHILDREN'S HOME: ***Independence Day was celebrated at Chamundi Children's Home premises in Brindavan Extension.***

SBM COLONY, SREERAMAPURA: ***The National Flag was hoisted at SBM Colony, Sreeramapura, on the Independence Day.***

RUDSETI: ***N.G. Lakshman Rao, Director, RUDSETI, Mysuru, hoisted the National Flag at RUDSETI premises in city in the presence of all the staff members and guest faculties.***

PODAR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, MYSURU: ***Independence Day was celebrated in a meaningful manner at Podar International School premises with variety of cultural programmes. The chief guest for the day was Col. Ravi Shirahatti who hoisted the National Flag and inspired the audience with his message of ABCD; A - Ability, B - Behaviour, C-Confidence and D- Discipline. Teachers Lavanya, Martin and Bhat were honoured with 'Loyalty Milestone Lapels' badge for having completed five years in this institution. After that, children performed various cultural events; mime on 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao,' speeches in Hindi and Kannada, dances on 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' and 'Unity in Diversity.' The performances of the children filled the hearts and minds of the audience with immense feeling of patriotism. At the end, Principal Krishna Bangera gave the Presidential address.***

ROTARY LHASA, BYLAKUPPE: ***President, Secretary and Members of Rotary Lhasa, celebrated the 71st I-Day by distributing sweets and stationery to primary students, staffs and other guests. This is part of Rotary Literacy Mission Project and every year, Rotary Lhasa celebrates I-Day with schools at different locality.***

CIIL, Mysuru: The 71st I-Day was celebrated at the headquarters of Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) in Mysuru. On this occasion, Prof. D.G. Rao, Director, CIIL, hoisted the National Flag in the presence of the academic, administrative and support staff of the Institute and its schemes.

The Director also delivered the I-Day speech during which he recalled with pride the sacrifices made by our great leaders during India's struggle for freedom. He reminded the gathering that our sovereignty should not confine to political recognition only; rather it should essentially incorporate social and technological dimensions. Prof. Rao praised the spirit of non-violence as advocated by Mahatma Gandhi and urged one and all for strengthening the new initiatives of the Government such as Swatchh Bharat Abhiyan and Make in India. He informed the gathering about the role of the CIIL, Mysuru, in safeguarding and promoting the languages of India. Prof. Rao concluded his speech by wholeheartedly appreciating the initiatives of the Government of India in upholding the socio-cultural and economic equality by enabling these languages on technological and pedagogical fronts.

After the Director's speech, Dr. C.V. Shivaramakrishna, Reader-cum-Research Officer of the Institute, addressed the gathering. He illustrated the role of CIIL in ensuring egalitarianism in society.

SREE NATARAJA PUBLIC SCHOOL: ***Sree Nataraja Prathistana celebrated 71st Independence Day at the School premises, Sree Hosamath, Shankarmath Road. Prof. P. Mallappa, retd. Geography Professor, JSS College, Mysuru, hoisted the Triclour. Prof. K. Sathya Narayana, Co-ordinator, Sree Nataraja Prathistana, M. Sharada, Principal, Sree Nataraja 1st Grade Women's College, S.M. Sathya Sulochana, Principal, Sree Nataraja Public School, Veda Lokesh, HM, Sree Nataraja High School, Gracey George, HM, Sree Nataraja Convent, Prasad Murthy, Principal, Sree Nataraja PU College, Siddhalinga Swamy, Principal, Vathsalya College of Education and Chandra Sen, Co-ordinator, PG Centre, Ramya, Principal, Sree Nataraja School of Nursing, were present on the occasion. Sunitha Rani of Sree Nataraja PU College welcomed the gathering. A.S. Jyothi and D.M. Suneetha of 1st year B.Ed, of Vatsalya College of Education, anchored the programme. D.G. Suma of Vatsalya College of Education proposed a vote of thanks. Colourful programmes were given by the students.***

Follow positive aspects of West, don't blindly ape, says former CEC

Former Chief Election Commissioner T.S. Krishna Murthy addressing at SDM-IMD yesterday.

Mysuru, Aug. 23 (YDS&BCT)- "Western education per se is not bad but the way it is being implemented in India is bad and the way we are aping Western culture can put anybody to shame," said former Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) T.S. Krishna Murthy. He was delivering the Foundation Day Lecture at Sri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Institute of Management Development (SDM-IMD) in city yesterday.

"Instead of adopting positive features of Western education and culture, we are blindly following whatever is negative. India is a sea of opportunities and those who say India has no future are oblivious of facts," he said and added that hero worship must be discouraged at any cost. India has enormous opportunities for people in all walks of life, he said.

"Over the past two or three decades, governance has lost direction in India and the country became a victim of Macaulay trap. When India became independent, it was thought that the nation would become a superpower by 20 or 30 years. But, even after 70 years, we are plagued by illiteracy, corruption and poverty," he regretted.

"We have only succeeded in having democracy as a structure not in substance. Our Constitution is perhaps the most elaborate in the world. It is lauded as one of the best. However, when it comes to progress, we match only some African nations. We are yet to catch up with developed European and American nations," he opined.

Raising some fundamental questions, the former CEC asked: As a nation, are we making an impact on the international community? Are we managing our nation properly? Why there is widespread profiteering? Why should a rich politician pose to be humble?

On the resistance to implementation of Goods and Service Tax (GST), he said, "GST will unify the nation. Before independence, there were nearly 500 provinces, each of which claimed to be different. Even now, many States resist people from other States. Now, GST will play a vital role in unifying people," he said. SDM-IMD Director Dr. N.R. Parasuraman and Deputy Director Dr. H. Gayathri were present.

Intl. athlete Reena George opens Taluk-level sports

Reena George, who was felicitated during Taluk Sports Meet at Chamundi Vihar Stadium here this morning, is seen with (from left) Mysore Central PU College President A.H. Gopalakrishna, former DDPU K.M. Puttu, Trustee P.S. Prasad, Acting DDPU Shyamala and Principal D.B. Latha.

Mysuru, Aug. 23 - The Taluk-level Athletic Championship- 2017 organised jointly by Department of PU Education and Mysore Central PU College, Saraswathipuram, was inaugurated by international athlete Reena George at the Chamundi Vihar Stadium here this morning.

Inaugurating the event, Reena called upon the students to actively take part in sporting activities as their achievement in the field of sports would help them in getting employment.

Stating that the athletes were not provided sufficient facilities in the State, Reena said that though there were good athletic tracks, the athletes had to get their own starting blocks and shoes. She also said that there was a need for gymnasium in all sports grounds and hostels run by the Government.

Around 500 athletes (300 boys and 200 girls) from various PU colleges in the State took part in the event which included 5,000 mts run, 800 mts run, 100 mts sprint, 1,500 mts run, 200 mts sprint, 300 mts run, 4x100 mts relay, Shot Put, High Jump, Discus Throw and Javelin Throw.

CM writes to PM Modi, seeks affiliation renewal to KSOU

Bengaluru. Aug. 23 - Chief Minister Siddharamaiah has at last come to the rescue of the Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), where lakhs of students are suffering after the University was de-recognised. He has written a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi requesting his intervention for the renewal of affiliation to the beleagured University.

In the letter, he has requested the PM to direct the University Grants Commission (UGC) to take a positive step to protect the interest of KSOU students.

"I am writing this letter with great concern as the fate of lakhs of students are involved. UGC has de-recognised KSOU retrospectively from the academic year 2013-14 by issuing a public notice on June 16, 2015. An expert committee was constituted by the UGC to look into the case of KSOU. After studying the expert committee's observations and recommendations, a compliance report was submitted to UGC.

Various additional documents requested by UGC in this regard are being submitted from time to time and the observations made by the UGC is being complied with," the CM stated in his letter.

Siddharamaiah also highlighted that students from various backgrounds were admitted to this Open University, especially students from socially and economically disadvantaged backgrounds. "With the de-recognition, the future of these students is in peril as they are denied higher education at their prime age. The students have been constantly representing to me on the problems faced by them with the de-recognition of KSOU. A revised proposal was sent to UGC in the light of the discussions held under the Chairmanship of Higher Education Secretary, Government of India, on June 21, 2017. However, UGC has not communicated the final decision and several students are eagerly waiting for the decision by UGC to pursue higher education. I request you to look into this matter personally," wrote Siddharamaiah.

During the academic year 2015-16, UGC de-recognised affiliation for KSOU retrospectively from 2013-14 academic year, citing several technical issues mainly, offering technical courses under distance education mode and expanding outside the jurisdiction. Since then, KSOU has not admitted students for any of its courses, he has stated in his letter.

Meanwhile, the KSOU, which is also in the news for the fake marks card racket, has to put its act together at least in the interest of poor students as pointed out by the CM in his letter to the PM. The State Higher Education Minister, KSOU Vice-Chancellor and Registrar should all come together and resolve the issue with the UGC authorities at the earliest, said an official in KSOU (who did not wish to reveal his name), to *Star of Mysore*.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that **SRI. P. ASHOK,** son of Sri. P. R. Iyengar has agreed to sell the under mentioned property to my client and any person or persons claiming any interest on the under mentioned property or any part thereof, is hereby required to communicate the same to me, with documentary evidence at my Office situated at **Door No.2765/1AD13/A1, "KEYANS", 5th Main Road, V.V. Puram (V.V. Mohalla), Mysore – 570 002,** within **10 (Ten) days** from the date of this publication, as otherwise the said sale will be completed without any reference or regard to any such purported claim or interest, which shall be deemed to have been waived for all intents and purposes.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Dry Agricultural Land bearing Survey No.86/2, measuring an extent of 3 Acres 36 Guntas, situated at Madaragalli Village, Varuna Hobli, Mysore Taluk, bounded on East: Land of Sri. P. N. Shivaprasad & Sarala (Sy. No. 85), West: Land of B. Umarani (Sy No. 86/1), North: Road and South: Land of Sarala & Suresh (Sy. No. 83 & Sy. No.87).

Date: 22.08.2017
Place: Mysore

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Whereas my client is willing to purchase the schedule property for the valuable consideration from Smt. Yashodhamma. Any person/s, Financial Institution/s having any right, claim or interest in the schedule property or portion of the schedule property, shall forward their objections to the under signed in writing along with supporting documents within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of this public notice. Any claim or objection received after the expiry of the said period will not be binding over the schedule mentioned property and my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

The property bearing Municipal Door No. 1647 New No. K-6, situated at 6th cross, Hosakeri. K.R.Mohalla, Mysore and bounded on :
East by : House belongs to Munivenkatappa
West by : Private property
North by : Galli
South by : Road
Measuring East to West 36.00 ft and North to South 60.00ft and consisting 1060 sq.ft., A.C.sheet roofed Red Oxide flooring and 300sq.ft., Tiles roofed Red Oxide Ground floor house together with Water, Electricity and Sanitary connections thereon.

Sd/- Jayakumar
Advocate
Office : No. 884, CH-32/2A, 1st floor, near Siddappa Circle, N.S. Road, Mysore-04
Mob : 98445-39729 / 98451-68931

Date : 21-08-2017
Place : Mysore

WORD OF THE DAY

Nobby

Pronunciation: NAH-bee

Meaning: Cleverly stylish: chic, smart.
Origin: Nobby comes from the noun nob, which is used in British English to mean "one in a superior position in life." (Nob may have begun as a slang word for "head," but etymologists aren't completely sure. A possible connection to noble has been suggested as well.) Appearing in English in the 18th century, nobby was first used to describe people in society's upper echelons. It has since extended in usage to describe the places frequented by such people, as well as their genteel customs. Charles Dickens, for example, wrote in Bleak House (1853) of "[r]especting this unfortunate family matter, and the nobbiest way of keeping it quiet."

THE ODD WORD

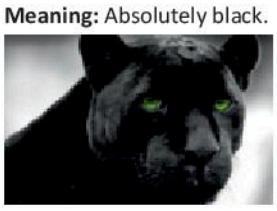
Venepuncture

Puncturing of a vein.

IDIOM OF THE DAY

Jet-black

Meaning: Absolutely black.



Origin: 'Jet' is a well-used word; we have jet engines, jet boats, jet washes and so on. Pretty well all of the common uses of 'jet' derive from the 'ejected stream of material' meaning - apart, that is, from 'jet-black'. Jet is a hard, semi-precious stone formed by the fossilisation of wood. It may be either dark brown, with or without lighter brassy streaks or - and as far as we are concerned this is the significant characteristic - a deep glossy black. 'Jet' has been with us as a word since the formation of English and, as with many old words, it appears in early records with a myriad of spellings - 'giette', 'gete', 'jit' and so on. The earliest known reference to the stone (as 'get') is in John Lydgate's epic poem about ancient Troy, Troyyes Book, written in Middle English around 1425: *Jet blackAnd for to telle of this ebantre,*
Liche in bokyssothly as I fynde,
It cometh out of Ethiope and Ynde,
Blak as is get.
Jet was mined and fashioned into jewellery in Britain and elsewhere from at least Roman times. It was the death of Prince Albert in 1861 that changed the status of jet ornaments as items of esteem. Queen Victoria was devastated by her husband's early death and went into a prolonged period of seclusion, taking up the persona of 'The Widow of Windsor', wearing only black clothes and, tellingly for the public's perception of jet, black jewellery.

QUOTE BOX

Soul-mates are people who bring out the best in you. They are not perfect but are always perfect for you. **—Unknown**

RIDDLE THIS

What does the rebus below mean?

Answer: Broken Promise.

SUDOKU

			2					6
		3	4	1				
4	6			3				
9		7	5			3		
	5						8	
		6			8	2		7
				5			7	3
				9	2	8		
5					7			

Answer to previous puzzle

2	9	4	6	3	5	1	8	7
1	6	3	4	7	8	5	9	2
8	5	7	1	2	9	4	3	6
9	2	5	7	8	4	6	1	3
6	7	1	9	5	3	2	4	8
4	3	8	2	1	6	7	5	9
3	4	2	8	6	1	9	7	5
7	8	9	5	4	2	3	6	1
5	1	6	3	9	7	8	2	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

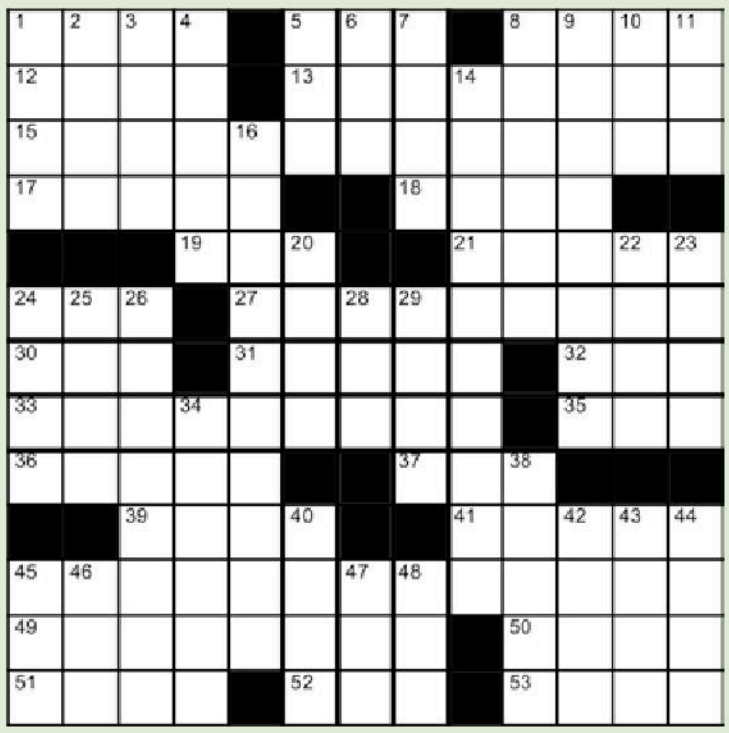
1 A wild animal's den
5 Rap sheet letters
8 Murky fog
12 "A nap" anagram for "our own" in Hindi
13 Talk out of
15 Frantic from fright (5-8)
17 Basil-based sauce
18 For the ___ of : out of consideration for?
19 African Natl. Cong.
21 Come together
24 The ___ arrived at the scene of crime : police force arrived to investigate, etc.?
27 Happened to be, occurred? (6,3)
30 Irish Republican Army, acronym
31 A puzzle in picture form?
32 Ontario, in short
33 Puts by, keeps in abeyance (4,5)
35 Mode Select Unit
36 Agreements, understandings or treaties
37 Old French coin
39 Author Shere
41 Anxiety
45 Make a distinction
49 Brewing pot for a witch?
50 Stadium section
51 The ____of Anglesey : a county of N. Wales?
52 180 degrees from NNW
53 Open-mouthedly show boredom

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

M	A	R	S	■	P	A	N	T	■	O	S	E
A	B	U	T	■	O	D	E	A	■	B	U	G
T	U	N	E	■	L	O	B	B	Y	I	N	G
■	D	O	R	S	E	■	■	B	A	S	K	S
S	H	U	N	T	■	■	A	Y	N	■	■	■
L	A	T	■	E	W	E	R	■	G	O	A	L
A	B	O	■	P	I	N	E	S	■	P	S	I
B	I	F	F	■	N	E	S	H	■	E	S	A
■	■	■	O	S	S	■	■	U	L	N	A	R
R	E	C	U	T	■	■	U	N	I	F	Y	■
A	I	R	L	I	N	E	S	■	V	I	I	I
N	N	E	■	F	E	T	E	■	E	R	N	S
K	E	W	■	F	E	A	R	■	S	E	G	O

DOWN

1 One of the nomadic race of northern Scandinavia
2 Assoc. of Pub. Add. Engrs.
3 They provide rest for travellers
4 Indian dish of cucumber in yoghurt
5 Advertisements, in short?
6 Get fitted with proper equipment
7 Aviation Safety Reporting Sys.
8 Drew into mouth by creating slight vacuum
9 Clear a space for a person or thing by removal of others (4,4)
10 Piece of poetry
11 General, abbr.
14 A breed of short-haired feline (7,3)
16 Contradicted, differed or matched
20 Stage hints
22 Firearms, rifles, pistols, etc.
23 You too in Latin (2,2)
24 Speak a certain way
25 A measured piece of land
26 Vigilant and observant; wary
28 Rsrv. Bk. of India
29 A painting in the buff!
34 Smother or choke
38 Wholeness
40 Makes a mistake
42 Greek goddess of the earth
43 Cook by boiling slowly
44 Sea bird
45 601 in Roman numerals
46 Indicated Airspeed
47 Greek goddess of dawn
48 U-turn from SSW



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

B JQU'H FBUJ GREH WQUXLNZZ JQNZ, EZ OQUX EZ HRNV JQU'H

JQ BH BU HRN ZHLNNHZ EUJ ILBXRHNU HRN RQLZNZ.

-- SBWHQL RTXQ

TODAY'S CLUE: J EQUALS D

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: My problem lies in reconciling my gross habits with my net income.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Kaafi Thota	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Mass Leader	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Thatana Thiti Mommagana Prastha			
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
First Love	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
Kadhal	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
Raj Vishnu	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Prachandi	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Sri Maruthi	9980351129	4 Shows
Operation Alamelamma	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Maarikondavaru	Olympia	2420737	2 Shows
Paaru I Love You	Olympia	2420737	2 Shows
TAMIL			
Velai Illa Pattathari (VIP) 2	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	2 Shows
TELUGU			
Duvvada Jagannadham	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
LIE	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	2 Shows
Nene Raju Nene Mantri	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Taramani	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
....	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Manmadha Rakshasi	Uma	2520009	4 Shows

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Toilet: Ek Prem Katha (H)	(S-1)	10.30 am, 4.00 pm, 7.00
Velai Illa Pattathari (VIP) 2 (Ta)	(S-1)	1.30 pm
Bareilly Ki Barfi (H)	(S-1)	9.55 pm
	(S-3)	11.00 am, 4.40 pm, 7.15
Kaafi Thota (K)	(S-2)	11.15 am, 7.00 pm
Maarikondavaru (K)	(S-2)	1.45 pm
Viceroy's House (E)	(S-2)	4.45 pm
Bobby (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Vikram Vedha (Ta)	(S-3)	1.45 pm
Anando Brahma (Te)	(S-3)	9.50 pm
Annabelle: Creation (E)	(S-4)	11.00 am, 3.50 pm, 5.50 7.55 pm, 9.55 pm
Operation Alamelamma (K)	(S-4)	1.15 pm

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Annabelle: Creation (E)	(S-1)	12.35 pm, 2.55, 5.15 pm 7.35 pm, 9.55 pm
Viceroy's House (E)	(S-3)	9.55 am, 5.10 pm
Bareilly Ki Barfi (H)	(S-1)	9.50 am; (S-4) 9.40 pm
	(S-3)	12.10 pm, 2.40, 7.20 pm
Toilet: Ek Prem Katha (H)	(S-2)	9.50 am, 1.05 pm 6.45 pm, 9.50 pm
Kadhal (K)	(S-4)	10.50 am
Velai Illa Pattathari (VIP) 2 (Ta)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Maarikondavaru (K)	(S-4)	1.25 pm
Kaafi Thota (K)	(S-4)	4.15 pm
Bobby (Ma)	(S-4)	6.50 pm
Nene Raju Nene Mantri (Te)	(S-3)	9.55 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

AIR ON THURSDAY

6.00 am Patriotic Songs, 6.10 Geetaradhana, 6.30 Chinthana, 6.45 Bhavageete, 6.50 Sponsored Prog., 10.00 Nagaswara Recital, 10.30 Hindi Film Songs, 11.00 Keli Kali, 12.00 noon Chukki Chinna, 12.30 Mahila Ranga, 1.00 Devaranama, 1.20 Bhavageete, 1.30 pm Madhyanada Madhurya, 2.35 Chinnara Chukki, 4.00 Inchara, 5.00 Gaana, 6.15 Folk Songs, 6.50 Krishi Ranga, 8.00 Ranga Kalarava, 9.30 Music Recital, 10.00 Savinenapu.

TV TONIGHT

6:30 pm Bin Kuch Kahe	7:00 pm Tu Sooraj Main Saanjh Piyaji	6:00 pm Crime Patrol - Satark
7:00 Sethji	7:30 Ye Hai Mohabbatein	7:00 Yeh Moh Ke Dhaage
7:30 Aisi Deewangi... Dekhi Nahi Kahi	8:00 Iss Pyaar Ko Kya Naam Doon?	7:30 Peshwa Bajirao
8:00 Zindagi Ki Mahek	8:30 Chandra Nandni	8:00 Mahabali Hanumaan
8:30 Piya Albela	9:00 Naamkarann	8:30 Pehredaar Piya Ki
9:00 Kumkum Bhagya	9:30 Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai	9:00 Beyhadh
		9:30 Kuch Rang Pyar Ke Aise Bhi
6:00pm Destroyed in Seconds	2:00pm ICC World T20 2014 H/ls : India vs. Australia	6:00pm Monkey Thieves
6:30 What Happened Next?	3:00 BWF World Championships H/ls	6:30 Science of Stupid
7:00 Man vs. Wild	3:30 BWF World Championships 2017	7:00 Nat Geo Investigates
8:00 River Monsters		8:00 Animal Fight Club
9:00 India's Frontier Railways		9:00 Street Genius
10:00 Man Vs. Wild : Alaska		9:30 Science of Stupid
11:00 Naked and Afraid		10:00 Inside Tirumala Tirupati
		11:00 Primal Survivor
6:00pm Oggy & the Cockroaches	6:30 pm Ganga	6:30 pm Jo Jo Laali
6:30 Larva	7:30 Kula Deivam	7:00 Sarayoo
8:30 Oggy & the Cockroaches	8:00 Deiva Magal	7:30 Avalu
9:00 Teen Titans Go	8:30 Vamsam	8:00 Kaveri
9:30 Horrid Henry	9:00 Nandini	8:30 Nandini
10:00 Ben 10	9:30 Vani Rani	9:00 Jeevanadhi
10:30 Ben 10	10:00 Priyamanaval	9:30 Aramane

MOVIES TONIGHT

Movie	5:11pm **Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance**	5:02pm **Mr. Go**
Movie	6:55 **10,000 BC**	7:20 **Spy Kids**
Movie	9:00 **Get Smart**	9:00 **Daddy's Home**
		10:34 **The Assassins**
6:02 pm **Rowdy Hero**	6:05pm **Mera Badla: Revenge**	4:15pm **Ek Taqatwar**
8:55 **S/O Satyamurthy**	9:00 **International Rowdy**	**The Mighty**
11:55 **Ye Hai Adda**		7:25 **Teleshopping**
		8:25 **Mardon Wali Baat**
5:22pm **Battleship**	4:00 pm **Aarada Gaya**	6:55pm **Singham**
8:15 **Fast and Furious 6**	7:00 **DevaruKotta Thangi**	10:00 **Vidhwanshak: The Destroyer**
11:00 **Dam Sharks**	10:00 **Maneli Ramanna Beedili Kamanna**	

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Sahara Art and Craft: Shopping Festival-2017, Scouts & Guides Ground, behind Deputy Commissioner's Office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (AUG.24)

Avadhoota Datta Peetha: Chaturmasya Vrata Deeksha by Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji, Junior Pontiff of Avadhoota Datta Peetha, Discourse on Yoga Vashista by Sri Swamiji, **7.30 am;** Srichakra Puja, Maha Ganapathy Homa etc., Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama, Ooty Road, **8.30 am.**

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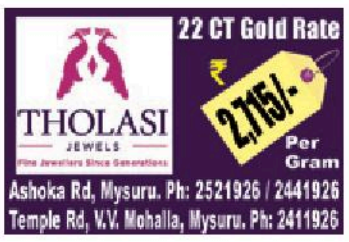
Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Kathopanishad,' Ashrama, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

NSS, Sports and Cultural activities inaugurated

Mysuru, Aug.23- The NSS, Sports and Cultural activities was inaugurated at TTL College of Business Management here recently by N.C. Nagegowda, Circle Inspector, Saraswathipuram. Prof. H.N. Aswathanarayana, Executive Secretary, B.V. Prashanth, Administrator and Placement Officer, Dr. M. Preethi, Principal, TTL College of Business Management, B.N. Maruthi Prasanna, Principal, TTL Independent PU College, staff and students were present.



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